

Ship Bowditch, Nathl W South, master, Newport to Western I.S. 1843.

Thurs. June 29 - This day light breeze from NW steering E  $\frac{1}{2}$  S.  
middle part calm. at 7 a.m. spoke brig Harbinger of Boston, from Fajal with passengers,  
9 deep out & I went on board and took breakfast and then took the Captain a  
gentleman & 4 ladies on board of us. they stopped about an hour & then left us  
when we squared away again to the eastward. wind from West

Frid. Sat. July 1 1843 Getting recruits from shore. Saw the American  
of New Bedford, Ansel Gibbs of <sup>Fairhaven</sup> ~~Massachusetts~~; and Barque <sup>Progress</sup> ~~Jefferson~~ of Boston  
getting recruits at the same time. laying off & on

Sun. July 2 strong SSW - 4 o'clock all on board & com. beating to sea, working  
ship to south SE in company with Ansel Gibbs.

Mon. July 3 - Ansel Gibbs 3 mi to leeward strong SW  
Toward Cape Verde Islands.


Tues. 11th. steering SxW all sail, wind NE saw no sail call it the magnet of Marion  
saw blackfish did not lower

Wed. 19th at St. Antone 8 a.m. lowered old boat and tried to land but  
found it too rugged. - next day went on shore at St. Vincent loaded for live stock

Sun. July 16 fine breeze N.E. saw 3 sail standing to the South 5 o'clock P.M. spoke  
an English Bark from Liverpool bound to Bombay.

Thurs. July 20 light baffling winds. Landed the Franklin. Capt Chadwick  
came on board & spent the afternoon - Mr. Fletcher went on board the Franklin - latter  
Jacks rain wind West Franklin 8 m' astern 22 ends

Fri. July 21 fair - all sail light breeze N. stood for Franklin 4 o'clock. went on board  
latter part ship Franklin astern 3 mi.

Sat. under double reefed topsails in company with Franklin of N. Bed.  
Sun 

Wed. July 26 saw killers & one sail & humpbacks Lat. part <sup>mending forest</sup> ~~the forest~~  
Towards New Holland

Thurs. July 27 - repairing forest. strong breeze



Ship Bonddick towards New Holland 1843

Thurs Aug 3 Comm. with fresh breezes S.E. steering SSW at 8 P.M. had  
old Neptune on board and overhauled his boys. D

Fri. Aug 4 saw plenty furbucks and two sail. fresh breeze.

Tues Aug 9 strong S.E. steering SW x S under topsels & courses. latter  
part set all sail.

Thurs. Aug 10 <sup>middle</sup> latter part took in light sails & double reefed Topsels.  
latter " set the ~~topsels~~ topsels

Fri Aug 11 under whole topsels looked for humpbacks but could not  
get near them.

Sun. Aug 13 strong ESE. steering SW & W 2 P.M. made Is. of Trinidad  
bearing S.W. 20 mi off. Lat. part round unsteady - on the round with larboard tacks on board

Tues. Aug 15 under topsels & courses - sent in <sup>fly</sup> jibboom and sent down the Mizzen  
Top Galen Mast.

Sun. Dec 20 1843 Lat. part laying to under double reef main topsel forest & spencer. X  
Gale

Mon - Tues Aug 21-22 Double reef topsels & spencer - at 4 P.M. set the jibs  
Lat part employed shifting sails & mending so ends.

Fri Aug 25 lowered for right whale without success. came on board  
and shifted main Topsails

Sun. Aug 27 latter part light breeze north. Caught the cook and Good fighting  
Cook got his nose split open. postponed punishment until Monday so ends.

Mon. Aug 28 called all hands aft at 6 a.m. seized Cook & Good in rigging and  
gave them 1 1/2 dozen for fighting with 9 yarn ratlin stuff at 10 a.m. steered S. so ends

Tues. Aug 29 strong winds nor. course SE took in main Topgalen steering  
sail, Fore Topgalen sail & fore Topgalen steering sail.




Journal of a voyage in Ship *Bonditch* Toward New Holland in 1843.

Sat. Sept. 2 *Elem.* strong withds SW steering SE & E with a whole main topsail set and double reef fore and mizen. latter part all sail

Sunday Sept 3. mending & binding jibs. saw one sail & fin back.

Wed Sept. 13 saw a humpback & caught a bottle

 Mon. Sept 14 saw humpbacks lowered no success. saw blackfish took one at 4 P.M. came alongside and took up the boats. wind light from northwest middle part strong breeze from N.W. and thick rainy weather ship under whole topsails - Lat. part strong SW under double ~~top~~ <sup>and fitted new one</sup> topsails carried away Jib martingale

Fri. Sept. 15th strong SW mid. part moderate lowered for blackfish 6 A.M. took three alongside and took them in.

Mon Sept 18 moderate N.E. heavy swell fine weather. watch employed mining Blackfish blubber.

Thurs Sept 21 Lat by Obs.  $37^{\circ}31'$  S. Long by Chron.  $32^{\circ}17'$  East Squally waterspouts

Tues. Sept 26 fine weather light puffing N.W. 3 P.M. lowered for Right whales no success came on board and at sundown took in sail for the night middle part a calm at 5 1/2 o'clock made sail standing to SW saw a plenty fin backs but no right whales at 8 A.M. wore ship and steered E by S.

Wed. Oct. 4 - Lat. part <sup>(strong)</sup> Gale from W. under close reef maintop, double reef foretop & foresail.

Thurs. at 2 P.M. saw right whale took in all sail but dbl. reef maintop, laid to head to N. at 7 o'clock blowing severely and increasing took in maintop and laid under spencers. Lat. part strong S. wind set double reef topsails

Fri Oct 6 heavy swell at 6 o'clock more mod. set whole topsails & took ship to WSW



Thurs. Oct. 12 light breeze from N. saw school of Killers and 2 sail at 4 P.M. went on board  
Ansel Gibbs of Fairhaven 4 months out & no oil. coming on board got 2 blackfish

Fri. Oct 13 strong NNE company with Ansel Gibbs at 6 took in topallants  
and mainst. for night.

Sat Oct 14 strong N whole topsels courses & jibs. hazy horizon

Sun Oct 15 Gale from NW double reef topsels

mon Oct 16 Lat. part strong N.E. parted whole topsels parted foretopsel  
footrope bend a new one

Thurs Oct 18 - strong WSW sending down foreyard which was sprung  
and fitting new one ship under main & mizen topsel & jibs squally,  
mod. part heavy swell single reef main & mizen topsels.

### Cruising for whales.

Tues. Oct 24 Strong W. steering SSE mod. part laying too with starboard  
tacks on board. Lat part steering E by S 10 A.M. took in sail and luffed to  
the wind with starboard tacks on board. so ends.

wed. Oct 25 - Gale from W. on attd tack laying to under dbl reefed main  
topsel & foresel. at 4 P.M. blowing heavy close reefed maintopsel & took in foresel  
and set the spencers.

Fri. Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> Gale NW ship heading to the SW by W middle part more moderate at 10 o'clock  
wore ship. Lat part a fresh breeze from the West steering to the North with all  
sail set spoke ship India of New Bedford 6 months out no oil so ends.

Lat by Obs  $36^{\circ}40'$  South  
Long by Chron  $109^{\circ}36'$

Sat Nov 4<sup>th</sup> fine breeze from the north tacked ship to the North & East in company  
with the India saw five tracks so ends.

mon Nov 6 good weather fine breeze from W steering  $SE \frac{1}{2} S$  all sail 6 P.M. spoke  
ship India lat part saw English ship supposed to be a merchantman standing  
to North so ends Lat by Obs.  $35^{\circ}46' S$   
Long by Chron  $113^{\circ}48' East$



Ship. Bonadette.

Thurs Nov 12 Lat part moderate with fine weather saw New Holland to the North  
dist 40 miles as ends.

Off New Holland

1843

Sat Nov. 18 Com. with a very severe gale from the WNW ship heading to the SW  
under a close reef maintop sail and spencers weather very squally @ 2 o'clock  
P.M. wore ship and took in Main Topsail Barometer stands Two tenths  
and a half below 29 The lowest she has been before the voyage but we  
find she is right Mid Part more moderate Lat part a strong wind  
from the same quarter Ship under double reef topsails heading to the North  
saw a ship on our lee quarter at 12 Meridian wore ship and steered south  
took in mizen topsail at 1 kept off to speak a ship at 2 P.M. spoke  
The PROTECTOR of Mystic Capt. Holdridge 1 whale this season luffed  
to the wind heading north and took in Fore Topsail as ends

Lat by Obs  $38^{\circ}10'$  South  
Long by Chron  $121^{\circ}43'$  East

Sun. Nov 19 Com. with a gale from the South West and overcast  
weather ship heading to the North West middle part wind hauled to  
the WNW wore ship and headed SW Lat part wind headed us off to  
South still blowing a gale, the Romulus in sight as ends Lat by Obs  $38^{\circ}15'$   
Long by Chron  $122^{\circ}08'$  E

Mon. Nov. 20 Com. with a gale from the West South West ship heading South under close  
reef Main Topsail Foresail and Spencers weather squally in company with Romulus  
middle part wore ship and headed N.W.W at 5 o'clock weather moderated made all sail  
at 8 o'clock A.M. flogged <sup>two</sup> 2 men their names Joseph Wright and John Wallace  
for fighting at 9 A.M. spoke Ship Romulus Capt Holdridge came on board  
at 10 he left and both ships stood to the north as ends in company as ends  
Lat Obs  $38^{\circ}12'$  South

Long by Chron  $122^{\circ}34'$  East



off New Holland in 1843

Tues Nov. 21 this day Com with a light breeze from the West steering N. N. W. with all sail set at 4 o'clock wore ship and headed S. W. at 5 went on board the Romulus and spent the evening.

middle part ship heading to the South West under short sail at 5 o'clock A. M. made all sail and steered S. W. with a fine breeze from the North West one sail in sight latter part the same so ends

Lat obs 35-35 S.

Long by chron 120° 28 E

Wed Nov. 22 Lat Part wind W. S. W. very light saw one ship to N. W. cutting a whale saw plenty finbacks so ends Lat by obs 39° 54 S  
Long by chron 120° 28 E.

Thurs. Nov. 23 light baffling wind wind heading to the N. W. one sail in sight boiling @ 6 o'clock P. M. went on board found her to be the Daughters of Havre 5 months out 200 bbls. @ 7 o'clock saw right whales loomed without success.

Ship Bonaditah Cruising off New Holland

Friday Nov 24 Com with a light air from the West ship heading South West with all sail set at 1 P. M. saw two Right Whales on the weather bow 1 mile off loomed and darted but too far off came on board @ 5 o'clock P. M. tacked ship saw two Whales to windward loomed and struck and took one alongside at 9 A. M. got the Fluke chain up and let him lay until morning

mid part fine weather emp getting ready for cutting & fitting boats @ 4 1/2 A. M. called all hands and Com cutting saw two whales astern loomed two boats but no success @ 7 o'clock carried away the windlass bitto which hindered us put us by a good part of the day at 3 o'clock on the 25th got the whale in one sail in sight and weather fine so ends the 26th no obs this day

Sat Nov 25 Com with light breeze from North West and overcast weather emp cutting our whale at 3 P. M. finished and made sail at 4 Com boiling

middle part employed boiling

Lat part weather hazy and a strong wind from the West under double reef topsails steering on the wind heading East saw one sail watch emp boiling and fitting windlass bitto so ends.



Bowditch New Holland 1843  
Wed Nov 29 fine weather mid part saw a French ship take a  
whale Lat  $39^{\circ}33'S$  Long  $119^{\circ}43'E$ ,

Sat. Dec 2<sup>d</sup> Com. with a fine breeze from the South West steering March west with all  
sail set saw a great many fin backs at 7 o'clock P.M. double reefed the topsails at  
8 saw a dead whale lowered boats and found him to be a good one took him  
alongside and at 5 a.m. commenced cutting at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 finished cutting and Com.  
boiling - Lat part suggested weather ship under double reefed Topsails standing  
to the north saw one sail so ends Lat Obs  $38^{\circ}18'S$  South Long  $119^{\circ}53'E$

Sunday Dec 3 Com. with a strong wind from the WNW ship under dbl  
reef Topsails steering by the wind to the north at 1 P.M. wore ship and  
headed SW watch employed boiling saw one ship  
middle part a gale from the West ship heading to SSW under a double  
reef maintopsail and Foresail employed boiling

Mon Dec 4 Ditto - Lat part gale SSW employed stowing down oil so ends.

Tues Ditto - stowing down & clearing decks.

Wed. Light WNW watch employed scraping tone.

Thurs. Dec 7 Middle part wore ship & headed March @  $4\frac{1}{2}$  a.m. made sail

Lat part a fresh breeze from the West ship with larboard tacks aboard heading to the  
N.W.W. with all sail set so ends Lat  $41^{\circ}54'S$  - Long  $118^{\circ}16'E$ .

Sat. Dec 9 Com. with a strong breeze from WNW and clear weather lowered our boats  
for right whales struck and took one alongside and cut him in middle part Emp  
boiling the wind blowing a gale saw a ship boiling to windward of us. so ends

Sunday ditto finished boiling



Ship Bowditch Cruising off New Holland, 1843

Sat. Dec 16 ~~Comm.~~ light breeze & calms steering ESE all sail set  
at 6 P.M. raised a sail standing to the Vark

middle part at 5 1/2 a.m. spoke ship Ruerick of N.B. 41 months  
out 2700 bound home at 10 a.m. separated he steering N.W. <sup>wind from N.</sup> I to south E

Wed Dec 20 1843 at 2 P.M. lowered our boats at 4 struck at 5 1/2 took  
alongside & commenced cutting got throat & lips in and lashed down for the night  
there being a heavy swell. in breeze N.W. ship heading to N.E. with  
a whale alongside made foggy at 4 a.m. called all hands and com-  
mencing at 9 finished & made sail

Thurs Dec 21 Strong NNE heavy swell from S.W. clear  
wind increasing dbl reefed topsls at 7 took in all sail but double reef  
main topsl and fore & fore topmast staysls and Mizzen employed toiling  
middle & latter part strong gale NW ship under storm sails laying to toiling

Fri Dec 22 Strong gale WNW laying to under short sail at 4 P.M. cooled  
down the works on account of the wind mid. part more moderate started  
the works Latter part strong WNW ship heading north toiling

Sat. Dec 23 Lat. part strong breeze & rugged weather employed stowing  
down oil at 9 a.m. spoke ship Brighton of N. B. 16 mo. out 2000 bbl. 115  
of oil sperm at 12 meridian spoke ship Electra of New London 5 1/2 mo out  
4 whales.

Sunday strong breeze WNW dbl reef topsls in company with ship  
Brighton, Capt Cox and Electra, Capt Ward.

Mon. Dec 25 fresh breeze jammed the Brighton Capt Cox  
came aboard & spent the day.



Tues. Dec 26

Bowditch cruising off New Holland 1843  
at 4 P.M. took in fore & mizen topsails and luffed to the wind  
mid part a gale from the W. ship heading to the north under close reef main  
topail and Staysails.

Towards New ZELAND.

1843

Sunday Dec 31 Lat part strong winds NW saw the Barque  
Columbia of Sag Harbor 3 whales & boats fast to a whale  
Lat  $44^{\circ}42'5''$   
Long  $143^{\circ}34' E$

Wed Jan 3

1844

strong SW steering NEXE all sail weather fine employed  
getting out steering sails fly jib boom & furltacks & killers.

Thurs. Jan 4 saw furltacks and a great of brit or whales feed

mon. Jan 5 fresh breezes from N. ship heading E by N. all sail  
saw a brig steering SE.

Wed Jan 10 Strong N.N.W overcast steering N.E all sail.

mid part shifted to SW & rainy.

Sat. " wind SSW steering NE on

Thurs Jan 11 strong SSW good weather flying clouds steering N.E  
all sail 6 P.M. raised a sail ahead at 7 passed her a mile off it was  
an English barque under short sail standing W.S.W

Saturday Jan 13

Strong SSE ship heading N.E under whole Topsails and  
Main Topgallant sail and jib saw two sails steering to the west

Sun. 14 Strong ESE heading N.E under single reefed Fore & mizen Topsails  
and whole main



Toward New Zealand ZEA.  
Monday 15 all sail - at 7 strong breeze double reefed Fore and  
mizen Topsails

Tues. Jan 16 Fresh ESE heading SE whole Topsails weather fine  
at 4 PM kept off SSE for Bay of Islands bent our chain and  
got the anchors off the bows.  
middle part fresh ENE course SSE at 2 1/2 A.M. saw Cape  
Bren in Lat 35° 08' S. Long 175° E hauled atack the Main Topsail  
and laid untill morning at 5 A.M. kept off for Bay of Islands  
at 11 anchored in 6 fathoms water muddy bottom so ends

### Bay of Islands New Zealand

at anchor, employed marking ship and fitting cask for water

Ships in port Sharon of Fairhaven 30 ms. 96° 0 S  
Mary and Martha Coffin 31 " 400 S  
Hope Heath Providence 1900 W  
Amrick Hanigan Nieler 2200 "

middle and lat part much the same so ends.

Thursday Jan 18 Lat part one watch on liberty and a boats crew  
felling water on shore so ends

Fri	Jan 19	employed painting ship so ends.
Sat	" 20	
Sun	" 21	

mon Jan 22 one watch on liberty lat part rainy getting water on board

Tues. ditto and one watch emp getting recruits on shore



In Port Bay of Islands.

Thurs Feb 1 lost 3 men by desertion Benj Gunner John Wallace and Thomas Jackson took our Anchor and went out as far as the mouth of the harbor and laid off and on for our men at 8 o'clock a.m. found them and put them in irons they cleared themselves from their irons and made their escape again

Lat part great many natives and Constables employed looking for them

Fri Feb 2 fine weather ship in sight from the flag staff off the mouth of the Bay laying off and on for our men.

Lat part ship came in and anchored

Sat Feb 6 Caught one of our Deserters and put him in irons in the run  
+ Leave Bay of Islands for Navigators +

Sun Feb 12 Fine & calm at 2 a.m. got under way for sea the wind being so light and tide so strong that it set us astward the Pacific's hawse carried away her Flyjib boom & spritsail yard. stove our waist boat and broke our rail got clear at 4 a.m. and came to anchor to wait for a wind at 6 took our Anchor and toved until the tide turned against us which was about 8 o'clock at 9 o'clock a strong breeze from the S.W. took our anchor and stood to sea.

Lat part ship under way steering out the Bay of Islands with a strong wind saw the Falcon beating in with 160 bbls 7 mas out 20 ends.

Sat Feb 13 Strong S.W. all sail at 7 P.M. spoke a Sidney Barge 3 mas out 250 bbls Spum oil. Lat part saw one sail boiling the water employed mending the waist boat and other jobs about ship 20 ends

Fri Feb 16 same ↗



Bowditch Bound to the navigators

Thurs Feb 22 light breeze at 7 a.m. Saw Tootooileh (Tutuila)  
one of the Navigator Islands.

Sat Feb 24 working ship up to at 1 P.M. lowered a boat ~~to~~  
and went on to the shore to find out a good place to trade we  
succeeded and came on board again at 6 P.M.

Lat part went on shore with one boat crew could not trade  
on account of its being their Sunday.

Sunday Feb 25 @ 5 ~~P.M.~~ <sup>P.M.</sup> came on board

Lat part 3 boat crews on shore trading. laying off & on (ships)

Toward the North West

Thurs. Feb 29 Watch employed mending mainsail (at sea)

Friday Mar 1. Lat part squally and baffling winds steering  
to north split the foretopsl and sent it down and bent another

Sat. Mar 2 Tides split the fore Top G. Sail sent it down  
and bent another.

Sun Mar 3 all prudent sail set @ 6 P.M. carried away  
the Fly Jib and sent it in  
middle and lat part bent a new Fly Jib so ends.



Ship Bowditch towards the North West Coast or Melish Bank

Wed Mar 13 1844 middle part at 5 a.m. wind hauled to ENE  
tacked ship and headed North at 11 a.m. saw breakers off on lee beam  
10 miles dist which proved to be Phoenix Island very low with a  
dangerous reef off the East end so ends Lat  $3^{\circ}34'S$  Long  $170^{\circ}55'$

Thurs Mar 14 light ENE ship heading north all sail Phoenix Is.  
bearing W dist 8 mi. found a strong current setting to Westward at  
5 o'clock wind hauled to NE tacked ship and headed SSE  
endeavoring to work ship to the East. at 6 o'clock A.M. Phoenix Is.  
bore N.W. dist 4 miles kept off W  $\frac{1}{2}$  N for Barnes Island

Lat by Obs  $3^{\circ}36'S$   
Long by Chron  $171^{\circ}38'W$

Mon. April 1 @ 3 P.M. raised Right whale found struck and took on  
alongside at 8 o'clock P.M. middle part a light breeze from the North  
laying too with a whale alongside emp getting ready to cut him in at 6 a.m.  
called all hands at 7 am cutting weather foggy.

Tues Apr 2 finished cutting 3 P.M. cleared up decks and com  
bailing. at 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P.M. saw two right whales and did not lower  
it being sundown two ships in sight standing to the Westward

Thurs Apr 4 fine breeze ENE spoke ship Henry Lee 19 mo out 1900 bbls  
saw sulphur Bottoms bailing and stowing down

Sat April 6 Bundling fore

Ship Bowditch cruising for KAM SSCASKA



For Kamshatka

Sunday Apr 7 Strong breeze from south steering north lat part spoke  
Ship Lovell of New London 8 mms out 1200 20 ends

Monday Apr. 8 Fresh breeze from S steering NNE all sail at 4 PM  
spoke ship Hamilton of Sag Harbor Loped 1 whale

Tues Apr 9 light breeze N heading WNW all sail 2 PM spoke  
ship Tuscan of Sag Harbor 2000 fbls. end mending sails and  
getting up shooks and stowing off between decks.

Wed. whole topsails snow squalls fubacks

and part all sail at 9 am hove aback the maintop  
and laid until morning at 4 kept off north west at 5 saw the  
Island Agatter one of the Anchoonowksi Is. at 7 close in with SW  
point saw two large Sperm whales lowered struck one and drew  
saw the Island of Atton 20 miles dist covered with snow

Sat Apr 27 saw Copper Is. dist 40 mi saw sea elephants

Sun. 28 lowered without success twice - saw Copper & Behrungs Is dist 40 mi

Lat by Obs.  $53^{\circ} 05' N$   
Long by Chron  $168^{\circ} 54' E$

Mon. Apr. 29 Laying to under close reef maintop spencers & foretopmast  
stays - severe gale SE. took in Larboard bow boat and turned up  
waist and Larboard boat snowing hard



Ship Bowditch Cruising in the Sea of Kamtschatka 1844  
Wed May 1 fine breeze NE by E at 7 1/2 P.M. called all hands aft  
to see the cook flogged for fighting with the steward who he  
bruised in a shocking manner in the face and hit his second  
finger to the bone so there is danger of losing it he is laid up  
with it now and probably will be for some time. I gave him  
two dozen with a piece of rattan stuff

Thurs. May 2 lowered for flintlocks without success.

Friday May 10 com with a light breeze from the West South  
West steering North West saw flintlocks

note

11/28/9

JAB

George Soule probably wrote preceding

lost with men in small boat after attacking whale  
1 man saved mate took charge.

List

Borrowed 3 Casks Bread ship B Tucker

1 doz pr stockings

Capt Edwards 2 Dgr pr stockings

2 Dgr pr Pants

2 Casks Bread Gauge 267-862 Weight  
271

6 Irons

10 of Capt Swift Brutes

2 belts Carv's 3 Cars 16/17/17

to be left at Lahaina 50 lbs W lead

12 lbs tinned Iron

Dec 27 Bread from Pet Sims

Coffee B Tucker 50 lbs

pr Pants

gls  
135  
163  
129  
427  
854  
218 1/2

lbs 1067 1/2